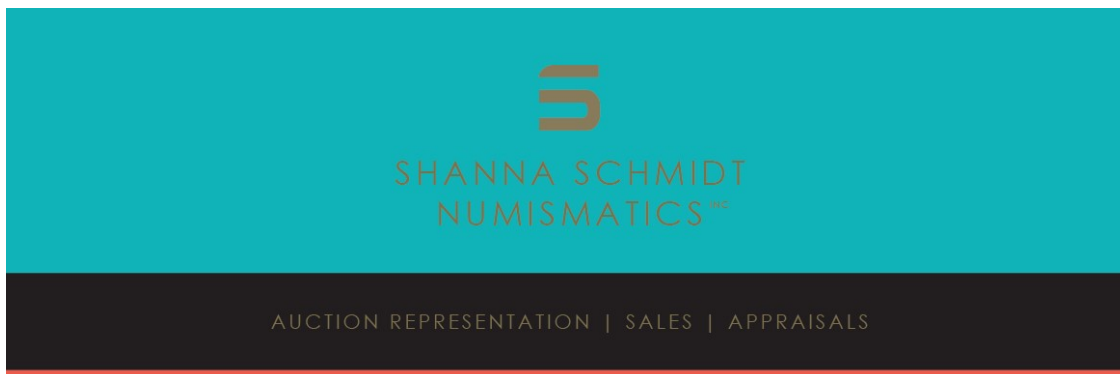


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I hope everyone had a nice week. Some of you are visiting the Whitman Expo in Baltimore this weekend. I would have liked to attend but I wasn't able to this time around. I'll definitely be there in the Fall. The Baltimore show is a great show that is growing in popularity. The trades shows remind of when I was younger and my father used to take me to the summer ANA. I remember how much fun I had. I would work as a page running around the huge bourse cleaning dealer's cases and getting them food and drinks. As a new employee at Harlan J. Berk Ltd. my fascination and joy at being at the shows waned mainly because I found the shows laborious. Now that I have my own business I realize the tremendous importance of these shows. There is nothing better than meeting with customers face to face. I also think that from a customer's perspective it can be a positive experience. My point in all this is that when you hear about a trade show in your area or close by you should try to attend.

Gorny & Mosch Live Auction 261 (March 4-5) and E-Auction 263 (March 7)

I have attended the G&M Spring auctions for the last few years. It always follows the Numismata Trade show that is a must for dealers and collectors on the continent. As I am traveling to Europe in a few weeks it didn't make much sense to travel for this auction. Nevertheless the G&M auction is still on my list of important sales during the year. This catalog has 1,044 lots of ancient coins. One of the more compelling pieces is lot 1038 at the very end of the catalog. This is a large gold brakteat from Northern German region c. 450-475 AD. A fascinating incuse piece with a running man with long flowing hair and beard. It has an estimate of 75,000 Euros. A lovely piece indeed. The remainder of the auction consists of high end Greek and Roman with a fair amount of pedigrees. I will be waking up about 3 a.m. Chicago time to participate in this auction (yawn....) so please do let me know if I can be of service to you in executing bids. Unless you like to be a night owl that is!

The E-Auction portion takes place on March 7 with 1,102 ancient coins. A nice group of coins as well and worth your time to check out. I will also be participating in the electronic auction.

CNG E-Sale 439 (March 6)

There are 819 coins in the upcoming CNG E-Sale. Looking through the sale I see lots of good buying opportunities. The opening prices are always reasonable but because the popularity of the CNG sales is on the rise this doesn't always result in fantastic deals in the end. For example, they have some breathtaking Athens full-crested tetradrachms. Remember when finding a full crest was a big deal? That happened once in a blue moon. Well we all know that this is not now the case and getting a full crest tetradrachm is absolutely possible. Right now the estimates are incredibly low at 700 USD and thereabouts. If you got one for under 2,000 USD I would say you got a great deal. If you pay attention to the auction and bid opportunistically then there are deals to be had. You just need to pay attention. There are a number of Roman countermarked coins again in this sale from the Richard Baker collection. I mentioned this collection in the last CNG auction (or the one before). Countermarks are very interesting and if you get a chance to see Howgego's book on the subject it will make them even more delightful to behold! Also under the Roman Provincial section there are quite some examples from the late Michel Prieur collection. I can't stress enough how important it is to pay attention to these coins, many of which were plate coins from Mr. Prieur's book, one of the definitive works. His collection was fantastic and while the lionshare were sold in Triton this past January there still are some to be obtained. I noticed a rather large collection of Republican pieces from the Fay Beth Wedig collection in this auction. I don't know Ms. Wedig but I was pleased to see a female collector's name. We need more women collectors. I'll be participating in this auction so please get in touch if you have interest in anything.

Künker Live Auction 318 (March 11-12)

Another auction I would have liked to attend in person is the Künker 318 sale. This features a few collections. The first is a Celtic coin collection and one from Magna Graecia from the Dr. W.R. Collection. The second is Roman Empire coins from the Dr. Klaus Berthold collection. Both collections boast some very nice pedigrees and high quality. At the beginning of the catalog is a nice memoriam of the numismatist Rüdiger Kaiser who unfortunately passed away this last December. He was a member of the IAPN and a well liked dealer in Germany. Remember that Künker does not have online bidding so if you need representation please get in touch. I will be phone bidding this auction.

Roma Live Auction XVII (March 28)

Roma is conducting their 28th live auction on March 28. The catalog isn't yet out but I managed to get hold of an advance digital copy (see link below). I'm not sure if they will be tweaking it anymore but it is likely at the printer and will soon be available online anyway. I'm sharing this with you as I will be viewing the lots when I pass through London on March 21. If you want me to view any lots please let me know as soon as possible. The catalog has some very nice high grade pieces on offer. One of the more interesting parts is the sale of the Prof. Hermann Lanz collection. Some may recognize the last name of Lanz but associate it Dr. Hubert Lanz, who is in fact the son of Prof.

Hermann Lanz. The elder Lanz, who passed away in 1998, had a lovely collection of Celtic coins many of which were featured in a book *Kelten im Osten* and displayed in various exhibitions in Germany. The collection is being auctioned in this latest Roma auction.

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Coin of the Week

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IONIA, Magnesia ad Maeandrum. c. 150-140 BC

AR Tetradrachm, 16.86g (32mm, 12h). Stephanophoric type. Pausanias, son of Pausanias, "magistrate". Diademed and draped bust of Artemis right, bow and quiver over shoulder / Apollo Delphios standing left, elbow resting on tall tripod behind, holding branch tied with fillet; ΕΥΦΗΜΟΣ ΠΙΑΥΣΑΝΙΟΥ to left, meander pattern below; all within laurel wreath.

Pedigree: Ex Peus 351, 1997, lot 218

Price: \$3,500

Magnesia ad Maeandrum, in English, Magnesia on the Maeander, was a Greek settlement located in western Asia Minor, modern day Turkey. It was settled by the Aeolians of Thessaly, a place made famous in Homer's Odyssey. Magnesia ad Maeandrum was so named to differentiate it from another Greek city-state in nearby Lydia, Magnesia ad Sipylum. Despite the fact that Magnesia was located in Ionia it was not accepted into the Ionian League due to its settlers being Thessalian Greeks.

This coin is a beautiful throwback of Classical Greek style injected into the evolving ancient world. By the time this coin was struck the heyday of Greek leadership was over and the Romans were starting to become the leaders of the ancient world.

References: Jones obv. die 8; SNG von Aulock 7922; SNG Copenhagen 844

Grade: very minor surface irregularities on obverse. Wonderfully struck. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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